



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RECEIVED
NOV 25 2003
TECH CENTER 1600/2900

| | | | |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Applicant(s): | Turner JR <i>et al.</i> | Group Art Unit: | 1647 |
| Application No.: | 09/930,871 | Examiner: | S. Turner |
| Filed: | 08/15/2001 | Atty. Docket No.: | LEX-0216-USA |
| Title: Polynucleotides Encoding Human Ion Channel Proteins (As Amended) | | | |

AMENDMENT; AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 15, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

The Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Office Action ("the Action") mailed on July 15, 2003 (Paper No. 11), which has been carefully reviewed and studied. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendment. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendment and remarks. In order to facilitate the Examiner's evaluation of the application, Applicants have attempted to address the objections and rejections in Paper No. 11 in the same order in which they were originally raised.

A Petition for an Extension of Time of one month to and including November 15, 2003, which falls on a Saturday and is therefore extended until Monday, November 17, 2003 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7, and authorization to deduct the fee as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) from Applicants' representatives Deposit Account are included. The response is thus timely filed. Applicants believe no fees in addition to the fee for the extension of time are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additionally required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.